

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

1. REGISTRATION NO.
31-V-0004

CUSTOMER NO.
668

FORM APPROVED
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ANNUAL REPORT OF RESEARCH FACILITY
(TYPE OR PRINT)

2. HEADQUARTERS RESEARCH FACILITY (Name and Address, as registered with USDA, include Zip Code)

VA MEDICAL CENTER (541)
10701 EAST BOULEVARD
CLEVELAND, OH 44106
(818) 895-9431

3. REPORTING FACILITY (List all locations where animals were housed or used in actual research, testing, teaching, or experimentation, or held for these purposes. Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

FACILITY LOCATIONS(sites)

See Attached Listing

(b)(2)High, (b)(7)(F)

REPORT OF ANIMALS USED BY OR UNDER CONTROL OF RESEARCH FACILITY (Attach additional sheets if necessary or use APHIS FORM 7023A)

A. Animals Covered By The Animal Welfare Regulations	B. Number of animals being bred, conditioned, or held for use in teaching, testing, experiments, research, or surgery but not yet used for such purposes.	C. Number of animals upon which teaching, research, experiments, or tests were conducted involving no pain, distress, or use of pain- relieving drugs.	D. Number of animals upon which experiments, teaching, research, surgery, or tests were conducted involving accompanying pain or distress to the animals and for which appropriate anesthetic, analgesic, or tranquilizing drugs were used.	E. Number of animals upon which teaching, experiments, research, surgery or tests were conducted involving accompanying pain or distress to the animals and for which the use of appropriate anesthetic, analgesic, or tranquilizing drugs would have adversely affected the procedures, results, or interpretation of the teaching, research, experiments, surgery, or tests. (An explanation of the procedures producing pain or distress in these animals and the reasons such drugs were not used must be attached to this report)	F. TOTAL NO. OF ANIMALS (Cols. C + D + E)
4. Dogs					
5. Cats	8				8
6. Guinea Pigs					
7. Hamsters					
8. Rabbits	9		31		31
9. Non-Human Primates					
10. Sheep					
11. Pigs					
12. Other Farm Animals					
13. Other Animals					
Mice	315	3221	1428		4649
Rats	261	220	1173	91	1484

ASSURANCE STATEMENTS

- 1) Professionally acceptable standards governing the care, treatment, and use of animals, including appropriate use of anesthetic, analgesic, and tranquilizing drugs, prior to, during, and following actual research, teaching, testing, surgery, or experimentation were followed by this research facility.
- 2) Each principal investigator has considered alternatives to painful procedures.
- 3) This facility is adhering to the standards and regulations under the Act, and it has required that exceptions to the standards and regulations be specified and explained by the principal investigator and approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). A summary of all the exceptions is attached to this annual report. In addition to identifying the IACUC-approved exceptions, this summary includes a brief explanation of the exceptions, as well as the species and number of animals affected.
- 4) The attending veterinarian for this research facility has appropriate authority to ensure the provision of adequate veterinary care and to oversee the adequacy of other aspects of animal care and use.

CERTIFICATION BY HEADQUARTERS RESEARCH FACILITY OFFICIAL
(Chief Executive Officer or Legally Responsible Institutional official)

I certify that the above is true, correct, and complete (7 U.S.C. Section 2143)

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

DATE SIGNED

12/21/07

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1. Registration #: 31-V-0004 / Customer #: 668
2. Number: 91 animals used in two studies
3. Species (common name): Rat
4. Procedures producing distress and/or pain:

Twenty rats underwent middle cerebral artery occlusion to induce stroke and were followed for 16 days post surgery. This procedure caused unilateral ischemia to a cortical region which governs normal control of forelimb movement. Following the procedure the rats experienced forelimb paralysis, which is associated with some level of discomfort. However there was no evidence that pain is associated with this procedure. The rats were able to ambulate, eat and drink.

Seventy one rats were decapitated by guillotining without pretreatment. The primary objective of the research is to study the relationship between tyrosine availability and dopamine systems in the brain. Analgesics and anesthetics are known to affect dopamine systems (e.g. (b)(6), (b)(7)c Anesthetics inhibit high-affinity states of dopamine D2 and other G-linked receptors. Synapse. 50:35-40, 2003) and hence could confound the results.

The above procedures were reviewed and approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee prior to the initiation of these procedures.